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Large application of:

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Application No. 10/046,220

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMALLY CONSTRAINING
RANDOM SIMULATION

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Examiner: TBA

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Petition In Response To Notice of Omitted Items
To Obtain Original Filing Date For Drawing Sheet "Figure 5E"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants respectfully submit the present Petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e)(2), along with a fee as specified by 37 CFR 1.17(h), and have directed the present petition to the Assistant Commissioner as specified by MPEP Section 1002.02(b).

Applicants received a Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated 02/28/02 which was combined with a Notice of Omitted Items. A copy of the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is attached.

The Notice of Omitted Items states that Figure 5E was omitted from the above-referenced Application, filed Jan. 16, 2002 and receiving Application No. 10/046,220.

Applicants respectfully assert that Figure 5E, a copy of which is herein attached, was in fact deposited along with the other Application papers filed on Jan. 16, 2002.

Applicants attach a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt, dated Jan. 16, 2002, that specifically itemizes the papers deposited. With regard to the drawings deposited, the postcard receipt itemizes each drawing sheet, including the drawing sheet for Figure 5E.

Due to its being combined with the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, Applicants initially failed to notice the Notice of Omitted Items. Upon discovery of the Notice of Omitted Items, Applicants have acted as expeditiously as possible in filing the present Petition.

For the reasons stated herein, Applicants respectfully request their Petition be granted.

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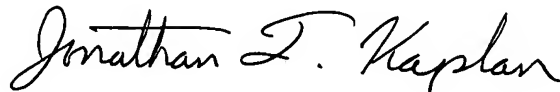
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of this document, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number **06816.0036.NPUS01**. *A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed.*

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